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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 7, 12 and 27.

1. (Fourth Amended) A method of seeking admission to a computer network having two or more current components, the method comprising: